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STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	LAY-DELEGATES.	Rec'd.	Rem'd.	Died.	Expel'd.	Total No. Members.
Damascus,	G. G. Walker,	M. McCauley, C. McCollum,	10				62
Midway,	A. Apple,	R. M. Ellis, R. Burroughs,	8				54
Bethel,	J. W. Wellons,	Nasa Boon, C. A. Boon,	1	1			41
Wake Chapel,	J. W. Wellons,	B. Gardner, A. B. Jones,	15	1	1		77
Antioch,	Jno. N. Ferrell,	W. H. Guthrie,	13				25
Mt. Bethel,	B. N. Hopkins,	B. Troxler, C. Boon.	13				32
Mt. Auburn,	A. Apple,	Wm. H. Read, J. H. Fleming,	16				71
Pleas't Hill, Chatham,	A. Iseley,	Ira Henshaw, A. Way, G. W. Murchison,	1	2	3		104
Christian Chapel,	J. W. Wellons,	W. Boyd, P. Jones, W. H. Johnson,	14				101
Raleigh,	W. N. Bragg,	M. Williams, J. O. Mullens,	18		1	5	120
Zion,	Wm. Rollins,	J. Gunter, J. R. Gunter,	14	1			83
Shallow Well,	Wm. Rollins,	W. T. Sloan, J. S. Maynard,	1			1	77
Oak Level,	W. N. Bragg,	B. J. Blackley, B. Pearce,	21				42
Lebanon,	A. G. Anderson,	James M. Smith, W. T. Brandon,				1	37
Bethlehem,	A. Iseley,	Jacob Morton, P. Waynock,	2	7	2		110
Christian Union,	A. S. Nelson,	J. W. Richardson, J. S. Lawrence,	3	3			87
Pope's Chapel,	W. N. Bragg.	W. Pierce, M. C. Winston, T. A. Martin,	4	4		2	111
Pl't Grove, Randolph,	A. S. Nelson,	L. C. Moffitt, A. D. Leonard, L. Brady,	2				120
Park's ⋈ Roads,	A. Craven,	G. W. Parks, O. Vestal,	1	5	3		55
Reece's Chapel,	A. Apple,	B. G. Dickerson, Jr.	5		1	3	50
Pleasant Grove, Va.	S. Apple,	A. A. Farmer,		1	1		69
Hank's Chapel,	T. J. Fowler,	J. W. Hatch, G. Knight, W. S. Petty.		1	1	1	140
Shiloh,	D. T. Deanes,	H. T. Moffit, H. A. Albright,		3			58
Good Hope,	W. N. Bragg,	J. Pierce, H. Haswell,	4	1		2	61
Shady Grove,	T. G. Craven,	E. C. Martin, D. K. McLeod,	2	1	1		27
Brown's Chapel,	Wm. S. Jordan,	Wm. Nall,	1			1	22
Acorn Ridge,	A. S. Nelson,	C. Williams.	1				14
Shallow Ford,	T. J. Fowler,	Lewis Iseley, J. Cummings,	5				59
Pleasant Grove, N. C.	J. W. Wellons,	B. B. Freeman, Jesse Horton,	13	1			56
Fuller's,		J. O. Cogwell, C. Ayscu,					37
Union, Va.	J. N. Manning,	R. D. Jones, R. T. Wilkins, R. Tuck,	28	1		3	122
Pleasant Ridge,	D. T. Deanes,	By Letter,		4			46
Pleasant Spring,	J. W. Wellons,		8	3		2	73
O'Kelley's,	T. J. Fowler,	A. Moring, A. M. Carlton, J. B. Cole,		1	2	1	144
Pleas't Hill, Johnston,	J. I. Hobby,						24
Moore Union,	Wm. Rollins,						29
Utley's School House,	H. B. Hayes,	Henry Utley,	6				17
New Providence,	T. J. Fowler,	Wm. C. Tarpley, E. R. Dixon, G. Lowman,	33			2	250
Union, N. C.	A. Iseley,	T. Graham, Henry Maynard, J. Dickey, Wm. Walker, George Garrison, B. Hazel,	5				455
Concord,	A. G. Anderson,	J. Garrison,	1				24
Liberty,	G. G. Walker,	Not represented,					8
Zion Hill,	L. C. Madison,	L. Lambeth,	2				12
Vest's,	B. N. Hopkins,	Not represented,					17
Liberty Hill,	W. N. Bragg,	By Letter,					5
Hines' Chapel,	B. N. Hopkins,	R. Maynard, T. Waynock,	10				10
Union Stand,	B. N. Hopkins,	R. Parish, S. S. Clements,	14				14
Salem Chapel,	B. N. Hopkins,	T. J. Smith, W. H. Haizlip,	36				36
Shiloh, Va.	R. G. Tinnin,	Not represented,					5
Newbern,		James Armstrong,					150
Wilmington,		A. Chadwick,					30
Apple's Chapel,	A. Iseley,	L. J. Apple, H. Apple,	4				75
Mt. Zion,	G. G. Walker,	T. Lynch,					75
Liberty Grove,		Not represented,					

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MINUTES.

UNION CHAPEL, N. C., Oct. 5th, 1859.

The "NORTH CAROLINA AND VIRGINIA CHRISTIAN CONFERENCE" met, pursuant to adjournment last year, with the church at Union Chapel, Alamance county, N. C., in its thirty fourth annual session.

Conference was called to order by Elder B. N. Hopkins, President of the last session.

On motion, T. J. Fowler, William N. Bragg, H. B. Hayes, R. D. Jones, and William H. Read, were appointed a committee to report officers for the present session of Conference.

The committee reported as follows:—For President, Dr. E. F. Watson; Vice-President, John N. Manning; Secretary, P. W. Allen; Assistant Secretary, R. D. Jones.

The above named brethren were unanimously elected to their respective offices.

After which Conference was opened with singing and prayer by Elder Josiah McCulloch.

On motion of Elder S. Apple, the names of Elders and Licentiates were called, and the following Elders and Licentiates appeared and took their seats in Conference.

Elders—B. N. Hopkins, G. G. Walker, W. N. Bragg, Alfred Iseley, Solomon Apple, Josiah McCulloch, Thomas J. Fowler, A. G. Anderson, D. T. Deanes, Thomas G. Craven, H. B. Hayes, A. S. Nelson, William M. Craven, Thomas Truitt, R. G. Tinnin, John R. Holt, James W. Wellons, Prof. W. H. Doherty, and Lovick Lambeth.

Elders absent—Joseph Albright, Alfred Apple, A. Franks, W. S. Jordan, William Rollins, Anderson Craven, J. S. Swift, Thomas E. Jeter, Chastien Allen, James M. Minnis, and Joseph B. Hinton.

Licentiates present—L. C. Madison, J. N. Manning, P. W. Allen, J. N. Ferrell, Henry Gant, and L. C. Ragland.

Licentiates absent—Abner Apple, Anthony J. Rich, and Joseph Trollinger.

Delegates—Henry Apple, Lewis I. Apple, Peter Clapp, Cornelius Williamson, C. C. Williamson, Phillip Waynock, Jacob Morton, William Nall, B. D. Freeman, Jesse Horton, Nasa Boon, C. A. Boon, Ruffin Jones, William Johnson, Murphy Boyd, John Garrison, W. W. Lawrence, J. W. Richardson, Charles McCullum, Matthew McCauley, James O. Cogwell, C. E. Ayscu, Henry Haswell, John Pierce, George Knight, W. S. Petty, J. W. Hatch, James M. Smith, William T. Brandon, Ira Henshaw, Alexander Way, Wm. Murchison, A. A. Farmer, W. B Farmer, Lewis Brady, A. D. Leonard, David W. Baldwin, Harmon Cox, G. W. Parks, O. Vestal, Wm. H. Read, S. H. Turner, J. H. Fleming, R. M. Ellis, R. Burroughs, Barnett Troxler, Calvin Boon, T. J. Lynch, James McCadams, George Lowman, Edwin R. Dixon, Wm. C. Tarpley, J. B. Cole, A. Moring, A. M. Carlton, B. J. Blackley, Benjamin Pierce, W. Pierce, Thomas A. Martin, M. C. Winston, J. O. Mullins, Cornelius Jordan, Mark Williams, B. G. Dickerson, Lewis Iseley, John Cummings, E. C. Martin, D. K. McLeod, H. T. Moffitt, H. A. Albright, Henry Utley, R. D. Jones, R. T. Wilkins, Richard Tuck, Benjamin Gardner, A. B. Jones, F. J. Smith, William H. Haizlip, Robert Maynard, Tobias Waynock, R. Parish, Jas. Armstrong, Wm. H. Guthrie, Wm. T. Sloan, J. R. Gunter, John Gunter, Alexander Chadwick, Harrison White, John Moore, T. Graham, H. Maynard, J. G. Dickey, William Walker, J. Garison, B. Hazel.

Following Churches represented—Apple's Chapel, Bethlehem, Brown's Chapel, Bell's, Bethel, Christian Chapel, Concord, Christian Union, Damascus, Fuller's, Good Hope, Hank's Chapel, Lebanon, Pleasant Hill, Chatham co., N. C., Pleasant Grove, Halifax co., Va., Pleasant Grove, Randolph co., N. C., Pleasant Ridge, Park's Cross Roads, Mt. Auburn, Midway, Mount Bethel, Mount Zion, New

Providence, O'Kelley's Chapel, Oak Level, Pope's Chapel, Raleigh, Reece's Chapel, Shallow Ford, Shady Grove, Shiloh, Randolph co , N. C , Union, Alamance co., N. C., Union, Halifax, Wake Chapel, Salem Chapel, Union Stand, Hines' Chapel, Antioch, Zion Hill, Zion, and Salem.

Churches not represented—Acorn Ridge, Holt's Factory, Liberty, Liberty Grove, Pleasant Hill, Johnston, Pleasant Spring, Moore Union, Mt. Carmel, Shallow Well, Shiloh, Halifax co., Va., Sharon, Vest's, Wilmington, and Liberty Hill.

Elder McCulloch moved to dispense with reading of the Minutes of last Conference, and it was carried.

Elder B. N. Hopkins moved that the usual committees be appointed.

A petition from Salem Chapel, Forsythe co., N. C., was presented by Elder B. N. Hopkins, to connect herself with this Conference.

It was moved by R. D. Jones that the church be received, which was unanimously carried. Petition from Hines' Chapel, by Elder B. N. Hopkins, praying to be received into this Conference, which also was unanimously received. Petition from Liberty Hill, Franklin co., N. C., by W. N. Bragg, praying to be received into this Conference, which was unanimously received. Petition from Newbern Church, N. C., praying to be connected with this Conference, which was received and referred to the following committee, viz : W. N. Bragg, B. N. Hopkins, and H. B Hayes.

On motion of S. Apple, Conference adjourned until 9 o'clock to-morrow morning. Prayer by Elder S. Apple.

THURSDAY MORNING, October 6th.

Conference met pursuant to adjournment. Singing and prayer by Elder A. G. Anderson. After which the rolls were called. Proceedings of last meeting read and approved.

The Chair announced the following committees, viz:

1. *On Ordination*—Elders W. H. Doherty, B. N. Hopkins, T. J. Fowler, S. Apple, H. B. Hayes, and A. G. Anderson.

2. *On character and standing of the Ministers*—R. Tuck, J. H. Fleming, and A. A. Farmer.

3. *On Itinerancy*—Alfred Moring, Robt. Maynard, Wm. Tarpley, Robert M. Ellis, and Wm. Haizlip.

4. *On Temperance*—J. McCulloch, A. Moring, and Ira Henshaw.

5. *On Education*—Prof. Wm. H. Doherty, W. H. Read, and Wm. N. Bragg.

6. *On Sabbath Schools*—J. W. Hatch, D. T. Deanes, and R. T. Wilkins.

7. *On Unfinished Business*—A. Iseley, J. O. Mullens, and R. Burroughs.

Resolution offered by Elder Alfred Iseley—

Resolved, That a committee of three be appointed to report all items of interest contained in letters, petitions, &c., addressed to this Conference. Which was carried.

Petition from Union Stand, by Elder Hopkins, praying to be united with this Conference, which was granted.

The committee appointed on the petition from Newbern Church, reported as follows:

REPORT.

We, the committee to whom was referred the case in relation to the petition of the church in Newbern, to become a member of this Conference, beg leave to report, that we have learned that the church aforesaid has formerly unanimously withdrawn from the Eastern Virginia Conference, by and with the consent of said Conference; we therefore recommend that the said petition be entertained, and the church be received into this Conference as a member thereof.

Respectfully submitted.

B. N. Hopkins,
W. N. Bragg,
H. B. Hayes.

R. D. Jones moved that the report be adopted and the church received into this Conference. Said motion, after some debate, was laid on the table until 10 o'clock tomorrow morning.

On motion of Elder A. G. Anderson, Dr. L. C. Ragland was admitted to a seat in this body.

The following resolution was presented by Elder J. McCulloch:

Resolved, That the next annual session of the North Carolina and Virginia Christian Conference be held with the church at Pleasant Hill, Chatham co., N. C., commencing on Wednesday before the second Sabbath in October, 1860, which was adopted.

The Chair appointed the following Committees, viz:

8. *Committee on Church Letters*—Elders A. Isely, H. B. Hayes, and Josiah McCulloch.

9. *On Periodicals*—Solomon Apple, L. C. Madison, and H. B. Hayes.

10. *On Finance*—A. Moring, R. Tuck, and A. A. Farmer.

11. *On Memoirs*—Elders S. Apple, J. McCulloch, and G. G. Walker.

12. *On Home Missions*—John R. Holt, J. McCulloch, H. B. Hayes, W. N. Bragg, and B. N. Hopkins.

13. *Committee to examine Licentiate Candidates*—Elders S. Apple, T. J. Fowler, and W. N. Bragg.

14. *On Religious Exercises*—A. Iseley, R. G. Tinnin, and J. G. Dickey.

On motion of Elder Iseley, Bro. John N. Manning was appointed to deliver the next annual address to Conference at its next annual session.

On motion of A. G. Anderson, Elder A. Iseley was appointed alternate.

On motion of Elder Anderson, letter and certificate from Miami Christian Conference, recommending Elder Wm. H. Doherty to this Conference, bringing certificate of his mem-

bership as an ordained minister of high standing, which was read and received, and said certificate ordered to be recorded with the Minutes of Conference.

CERTIFICATE.

STATE OF OHIO, CINCINNATI, Sept. 29, 1859.

I do hereby certify, that Prof. W. H. Doherty was received into full membership as an ordained minister of the Gospel, by the Miami Christian Conference, at its annual meeting in 1853, on letters of dismissal and recommendation from the New York Central Christian Conference. That he was President of said Miami Conference in 1858, at the time of his removal to North Carolina, and that in the same year he received public thanks, by vote of said body, for his eminent services as President of the Missionary Board.

Signed, L. D. ROBINSON,
Clerk of Miami C. Conference.

On motion of Elder Iseley, a committee of three elders was appointed to examine all candidates wishing to join Conference as licentiates, which was unanimously adopted.

On motion of Elder McCulloch, Bro. Sheck, a Lutheran minister, was invited to take a seat amongst us, which was accepted by Bro. Sheck, after returning thanks to Conference.

On motion, a letter from Sister Evans, widow of Elder S. G. Evans, was read, contents noticed and complied with.

Also, a letter from Elder M. B. Barrett was read, and on motion was referred to the Committee on Home Missions.

On motion of Elder J. McCulloch, Conference adjourned until candle-light this evening.

NIGHT SESSION.

Conference met, agreeable to adjournment. Rolls called.

Elder W. B. Wellons, messenger from Eastern Virginia Conference, appeared and took a seat in Conference.

On motion of Elder Bragg Alexander Chadwick, from Wilmington Church, was received as a delegate from said church. Also, an invitation to Bro. H. Gant, from Tennessee, to a seat in Conference.

On motion, Elder John Walker, from Missouri Conference, was invited to a seat in this body.

Elder S. Apple, chairman of the Conference Committee, begs leave to make the following

REPORT.

To the North Carolina and Virginia Christian Conference:

The undersigned, having been appointed Conference Committee for the past year, beg leave to report—

That since the last session of our Conference two cases have come up for action before us. The first was a charge of falsehood against Elder Wm. N. Bragg, by Solomon Fuller, licentiate. The second were sundry charges by the churches of Good Hope and Pope's Chapel, against Solomon Fuller, licentiate.

The committee, having the first named case properly presented to us, and believing that the cause of religion was suffering in consequence thereof, ordered the parties to meet us at Franklinton on the 23d of February last, where, at the above time and place, the parties met before the committee. The accusing party was requested to bring forward the testimony by which he expected to make good his charge and specifications, and, after a long and patient hearing of all the evidence offered upon the subject, the committee, without any hesitation, decided that the charge had not been sustained. The case was therefore dismissed.

In the second case, the churches of Good Hope and Pope's Chapel against S. Fuller, were presented at the same time and place. Fuller having been notified to that effect by the accusers, the charge and specifications from the church at Good Hope was taken up; when it appeared to the satisfaction of the committee, that said Fuller could not sustain the purity of character so necessary to a Gospel minister; consequently, Solomon Fuller was ordered to suspend his ministerial functions until the annual Conference, and to surrender his license until that time, when he could take the matter before that body, to be disposed of as might be thought proper. It is only necessary to add, that with this report we lay before you the documents upon which, in part, we based our action. Respectfully submitted.

SOLOMON APPLE,
P. R. HARDIN.

On motion of R. D. Jones the report was received.

On motion of Elder Anderson, the report of the Conference Committee, and documents, were referred to a committee of seven, viz: Elders A. G. Anderson, W. H. Doherty, B. N. Hopkins, R. G. Tinnin, D. T. Deanes, H. B. Hayes, and A. S. Nelson.

The Committee on Sabbath Schools made a report, which was read, received and adopted.

REPORT.

We, your Committee on Sabbath Schools, having investigated the subject, and believing, as we do, that this part of our christian duty, if faithfully discharged, will tell upon the destinies of thousands of the rising generation for good, in time and in eternity, we are pained to learn that there have been only eleven Sabbath schools organized within the bounds of the North Carolina and Virginia Christian Conference, since our last session. We do, therefore, recommend that each minister belonging to this body deliver at least one address on the subject, at each of his charges, during this Conference year.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

J. W. HATCH, *Chairman.*

The committee to whom was referred the letters from the various churches, made the following report, which was read, received and adopted:

REPORT.

The committee to whom was referred the letters from the different churches would state, that the letters from the following churches, to wit: Midway, Christian Union, and Christian Chapel, have been handed over to the Committee on Licentiates; the letter from Pleasant Hill, Chatham co., N. C., to the Committee on Memoirs; and the letters from the following received churches, viz: Hines' Chapel, Union Stand, and Salem Chapel, to the Committee on Home Missions, for them to consider and report upon.

A. ISELEY, *Chairman.*

On motion of Elder A. G. Anderson, the Chair appointed the following brethren as Conference Committee, viz.: T. J. Fowler, John Faucett, and P. R. Hardin.

On motion of S. Apple, the Conference ordered the Treasurer to pay the sum of $6.20 to the Conference Committee, for expense incurred in traveling.

On motion of Elder Bragg, that messengers be appointed from this body to attend the Cape Fear Free Will Baptist Conference, which meets in this State some time next year. After some considerable discussion, in which several of the members freely participated, the motion was lost.

On motion of A. G. Anderson, Conference adjourned until 9 o'clock to-morrow morning.

Doxology and prayer by Prof. Doherty.

Friday Morning, Oct. 7, 1859.

Conference met agreeable to adjournment.

Roll being called, singing and prayer was offered by Elder A. Iseley.

Proceedings of last meeting read and approved.

On motion, Conference appointed delegates to the Eastern Virginia Conference. The following were appointed, viz.: John N. Manning, P. W. Allen, James W. Wellons, and Josiah McCulloch.

The report of the Committee on Newbern Church was taken up, and on motion, it was adopted unanimously, and the church received into this Conference, and the delegate from said church requested to take a seat in Conference.

On motion of J. H. Fleming, the resolution of last night's session, offered by S. Apple, to authorize the Treasurer of this Conference to pay $6.20 to the Conference Committee be reconsidered, was carried. And after some discussion, the motion of Elder S. Apple was lost.

The following resolution, was offered by Elder Iseley:

Resolved, That from this date Conference agree and pledge herself to pay the servants of this body for any services enjoined upon them by Conference.

After some discussion, the above resolution was adopted.

Conference adjourned to 2 o'clock, P. M.

Friday Evening, 2 o'clock.

Conference met according to adjournment.

Rolls being called, Conference proceeded to business.

J. H. Fleming offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the ministers of this Conference be requested to make it one of their pastoral duties to take up collection for the Conference fund.

Was adopted.

The Committee to whom was referred the letters from the various churches, made their report, which was read, received and adopted. See appendix.

On motion of Elder Walker, that the Committee on Church Letters be instructed to procure the statistics of the churches not represented. Was adopted.

The following preamble and resolution was offered by R. D. Jones, and on motion, was read and unanimously adopted.

Whereas, certain ministers of the Methodist Protestant Church and others have recently, through the press and otherwise, slandered and misrepresented the Christians, South, and especially those residing in the bounds of this Conference, by charging them with holding and propagating Unitarian sentiments, and their slanders and misrepresentations have been ably met and refuted by Elder W. B. Wellons, editor of the Christian Sun. Therefore,

Resolved, That we fully endorse the position taken by the editor of the Sun in the controversy with the aforesaid ministers of the M. P. Church and others, and that he has presented the true principles of the Christians, South, as held and practiced in the bounds of this Conference, and in all the other Christian Conferences, South, with whom we are acquainted.

On motion of Prof. Doherty, 2 o'clock to-morrow was set apart for the reception of the report of the Committee on Education.

The following resolution, presented by R. D. Jones, which was read and adopted:

Resolved, That 9 o'clock be set apart for the meeting of the Home Missionary Society connected with this body.

On motion of Elder Walker, a committee of three was appointed to devise means for the publication of the minutes of this Conference.

The Chair appointed the following brethren, viz.: G. G. Walker, H. B. Hayes and Wm. H. Read.

The Committee on the case of Solomon Fuller, licentiate of this Conference, begged leave to report. Said report was read, received and adopted unanimously.

REPORT.

To the North Carolina and Virginia Christian Conference, in session at Union Chapel, N. C.:

In the report of the Committee of Conference, in the case of Solomon Fuller, we, your Committee, beg leave to report: That we have patiently examined all of the certificates produced by the accused party, and also all the parole evidence that the accused party desired to introduce in his case; and after the most patient hearing, and actuated by the most prayerful desire to do as we would be done by, we are constrained (however painful it may be) to say that the evidence adduced in the case proves the accused guilty of a want of that strict veracity and truth that a Gospel minister should possess, and consequently recommend that Conference withdraw permanently from him his license to preach under the authority of this Conference. All of which is respectfully submitted.

A. G. Anderson, *Chairman.*

The following resolution, offered by Elder Hopkins, on motion was adopted:

Resolved, That we have heard with great pleasure the brightening prospects of the Christian Church in certain portions of the State, and of the desire of certain denominations to become acquainted with our principles; we, therefore, take pleasure in recommending Brothers J. W. Wellons, H. B. Hayes and Wm. N. Bragg, to open a correspondence with the Cape Fear Free Will Baptist Conference, and use such means as they may think best, by way of responding to the expressed desire on the part of said church, of becoming acquainted with the doctrines and usages of the Christian Church.

On motion of R. D. Jones, that the papers and certificates relating to the case of Solomon Fuller (presented by

said Fuller) be returned to him; which, after some discussion, was carried.

Elder Deanes, in the case of Murphy Owen and Isham Cagle, referred to him by the last Conference, demanding the license of the above-named, begs leave to make the following report, which was read and adopted.

REPORT.

In the discharge of the duty enjoined upon me by your body, at its last session, in regard to the license of Murphy Owen and Isham Cagle, beg leave to report as follows: That I have ascertained from brethren who were in Conference when the above brethren were admitted to membership in your body, that the Secretary failed to grant them credentials; consequently, they have none to surrender. All of which is respectfully submitted.

D. T. Deanes.

The Committee on Home Missions reported, and on motion of R. D. Jones, was adopted unanimously.

REPORT.

The Committee to whom was assigned the duty of examining into the progress, present condition and future prospects of the subject of Home Missions in connection with this Conference, beg leave to present the following report as the result of their investigation.

The very limited time within which this examination has been necessarily made, precludes the probability of a thorough investigation as to the momentous and vital importance of a missionary enterprise for the spread of the Gospel, and extending the Redeemer's kingdom to destitute sections of our beloved country. This must ever be regarded as an extraordinary effort, the promptings of which are to be found in the sacred fountain of pure benevolence, and its utility and success to the overflowings of a sacrificing generosity and zeal, looking to and aiding our fellow men in the enjoyments of a cause not known, but his to whom we belong, and in whose service we profess to be laboring. So long as a body of Christians is thus actuated, the legitimate result must be the accomplishments of the great objects in view. It is peculiarly important that this Conference cherish this design of outside labor, because of our circumscribed limits, but more especially from the hearty acceptance given to our brethren wherever they go, and in the true spirit of ambassadors bear the glad tidings of a full and free salvation, rendered yet the more gladdening and acceptable because there are no accompanying impositions of human legislations and human power.

The encouragement given in this department is most gratifying, since the voice of invitation and the Macedonian cry is heard from

every direction—"Come and help us" Before your Missionary goes forth, therefore, the prospect of occupying the field to which he has been guided by the invitation, and he can calculate on success without risk from the cheerful hearts and willing minds of those to whom he is sent. The success of Elder Hopkins in some of the upper counties has quite decided your Committee to an earnest and favorable consideration of the subject. An allowance was extended to Bro. Hopkins of one hundred dollars last fall, by the Directors of the Missionary Society, to enable him to labor in that interesting portion of our State, comprising the counties of Forsythe, Stokes, and portions of Rockingham and Guilford, and the organization of several new churches, and the building up of others formerly planted, with a membership of high moral and intellectual worth, clearly shows the wisdom which dictates that allowance. It is clearly shown by letters from those churches, that the small sum so expended has led to the establishment of a new self-sustaining circuit, which will be a bright ornament to the denomination in all coming time.

In regard to further operations in that direction, it appears that so large is the territory thus opened to our principles, if efficient laborers can be procured, no time should be lost in sending them thither to make the people acquainted with us as a denomination, and spreading our principles as rapidly and surely as possible. But whilst our attention is drawn to the western part of our State as an available and fruitful field of missionary effort, the east in many respects presents claims of equal, if not superior importance. Let us see as far as we can, that every practicable encouragement be given to our brethren and the inquiring public in eastern Carolina. What can be done for Wilmington? For Newbern? and other vitally interesting points there? Are not these nuclei, around which might cluster scores of sister churches and tens of thousands of happy communicants? And might not this be the fruit of an expenditure scarcely above that which has planted our standard on our western heights! Your Committee earnestly recommend due attention to be given, without feeling at liberty to make a specific recommendation.

A letter is in the hands of the Committee from Elder M. B. Barrett, of the E. Virginia Conference, containing a proposition to take charge of the church at Wilmington, for a specified sum, say $600, and it would give us pleasure to find the funds of the society in such a condition as to justify a recommendation of a compliance; but so small is the amount in the Treasurer's hands, as will presently, from his report, appear, that we must forbear an expression of opinion in regard to it.

From the above, the necessity of speedily increasing the funds of the Society will abundantly appear, and we would therefore close our report with the earnest wish that due prominence be given to a cause so effective, and the liberty of our brethren and the friends may place it in the power of Conference to give aid to all, and thus realize great good in promoting Gospel light and truth.

Respectfully submitted,

J. R. Holt, *Chairman.*

On motion of J. W. Hatch, Conference adjourned until 7 o'clock, P. M.

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7 o'clock, P. M.

Conference met pursuant to adjournment.

Rolls being called, Conference proceeded to business.

The Committee on Finance beg leave to make the following report, which was read, received and adopted.

REPORT.

We, your Committee on Finance, beg leave to make the following report. We find in the hands of the Conference Treasurer—

From last year's report	$75 49
Interest	2 66
Whole amount	$78 15
Paid W. B. Wellons for printing Minutes	37 00
	$41 15
Amount received this year	51 89
Amount in hand	$93 04

All of which is respectfully submitted.

A. Moring, *Chairman.*

On motion of Elder J. McCulloch, that an abstract of the Minutes of this Conference be published in the Christian Sun, was adopted.

The Chair called on the ministers for their ministerial reports. The following ministers handed in their reports, which were read, viz.: Elders B. N. Hopkins, W. N. Bragg, J. R. Holt, Thos. G. Craven, A. S. Nelson, Thos. Truitt, Wm. M. Craven, Joseph Albright, Jas. W. Wellons, William S. Jordan, A. G. Anderson, D. T. Deanes, P. W. Allen.

See appendix.

Licentiates—J. N. Manning, J. N. Ferrell, L. C. Madison.

See appendix.

A letter from the Christian churches in Tennessee was presented by Bro. Henry Gant, asking to withdraw from the North Carolina and Virginia Christian Conference, for the purpose of organizing a Conference in Tennessee, to be known as the Tennessee Christian Conference.

The following resolutions were offered by Elder B. N. Hopkins, and adopted unanimously.

Resolved, That the petition of the brethren of Tennessee in reference to withdrawing from this Conference and forming a new Conference in their midst, be granted. Also,

Resolved, That the petition of the church be referred to the Committee on Ordination.

Resolved, Farther, that we sympathize with our brethren in Tennessee in their call for assistance to aid them in sustaining a regular itinerant minister, and that we will make an effort to raise by voluntary contribution the sum of $150 for that purpose.

On motion, Conference adjourned until 8 o'clock to-morrow morning.

Prayer by Elder W. B. Wellons.

SATURDAY MORNING, 8 o'clock.

Conference met pursuant to adjournment. Singing and prayer by Elder D. T. Deanes. Proceedings of last meeting read and approved.

The Committee on the Character of the Ministers reported:

REPORT.

We, your Committee on the Character and Standing of the Ministry, beg leave to make the following report:

That we are happy to report, that we find all the ministers in good and regular standing in their respective churches. All of which is respectfully submitted.

R. TUCK, *Chairman*.

Adopted.

On motion of Elder A. G. Anderson, Conference adjourned to 2 o'clock, P. M., for the purpose of giving way to a meeting of the Home Missionary Society.

SATURDAY EVENING, 2 o'clock.

Conference met agreeable to adjournment, and proceeded to business.

Committee on Ordination reported, and report read and adopted.

REPORT.

The Committee on Ordination report, that three brothers, viz: John N. Manning, P. W. Allen, and Henry Gant, licentiates of this Conference, presented satisfactory letters from the churches, were examined at length and approved of by the committee, and are now recommended for Ordination to this Conference.

W. H. DOHERTY, *Chairman.*

The Chair appointed the following elders to perform ordination on the candidates recommended in the report of the Committee on Ordination, viz: Elders W. H. Doherty, Thos. J. Fowler, and S. Apple. Ordination to take place to-morrow morning at 11 o'clock.

Committee on Education reported. Report read, received and adopted.

REPORT.

The committee appointed at last meeting of Conference, to cooperate with the Trustees of Graham College, in building up and sustaining that institution, report—

That an act of the Legislature of North Carolina has been procured, amending the charter of Graham Institute, bestowing upon the Trustees new and important privileges, together with the power of establishing and endowing a regular college and granting all the usual University degrees. That the stockholders, at their last meeting, accepted said charter and elected a Board of Trustees, representing the several Southern Christian Conferences of the Christian denomination.

That Prof. Wm. H. Doherty was unanimously elected President of Graham College, and also President of the Executive Board of Trustees.

That the condition and prospects of the institution are all that its best friends could desire. As a school of high grade, both in the English and Classical departments, it has already attained popularity, and is full of students and self-supporting.

That a large additional building is under contract, which will be ready on the first day of January next, intended to accommodate the increased number of students who are desirous of entering; and that your committee believe that whilst, under its present government, it will command the respect and patronage of the public, and do a useful work for the denomination, but your committee are fully per-

suaded that a College worthy of the Christian Church South, cannot be established without an adequate endowment, because the advanced classes in College are not able to pay their teachers, who must be highly educated, and who cannot be obtained at small salaries.

Your committee therefore report, that this great enterprize of the church has arrived at a point beyond which it is impossible to proceed, until a permanent endowment fund can be raised, and adequate provisions made for the support of professors in all the different departments essential to complete the college. They therefore recommend the whole subject to the serious consideration of the Conference, and advise that immediate action be taken in co-operating with the Board of Trustees, and sending agents into the field to raise the necessary funds, complete the endowment, and place this, our own denominational college, on a solid and permanent foundation, and secure the blessings of a non-sectarian education of the highest grade to our sons and daughters.

Your committee believe that if this is done, a mighty additional power will be given to our church, and a priceless blessing bestowed upon the rising generation of our people. Respectfully submitted.

THOS. J. FOWLER,
E. F. WATSON,
W. H. DOHERTY.

The following resolution was offered by Elder A. G. Anderson, and, on motion of Elder McCulloch, it was received and laid on the table until seven o'clock to-night:

Resolved, That the Conference rejoices in the prosperity with which God has blessed our institution of learning, Graham College. That we congratulate the President and Trustees on the crowded state of their school, which necessitates the erection of a large additional building, now under contract, to be ready on the first of January next. That we hear with pleasure and delight of the eminent success of the system of instruction therein adopted; of the good conduct, strict discipline, and orderly appearance of the school, and the "good report" which the young ladies and gentlemen, who are students there, have obtained from all the citizens. That we believe that the Christian Denomination South should feel the great responsibility of their situation, as the advocates of a pure and free Gospel, the friends of liberty and truth. And, therefore, that we feel now imperatively called upon to make an earnest and immediate endeavor to raise an endowment fund for this,

our own college, and thus enable the Trustees to employ a sufficient number of learned professors in every department of the college, and make it equal to any other in the land. We therefore promise to give our countenance and aid to any agents appointed to labor among our people for raising said endowment fund, and to do all in our power to induce our brethren to assist and patronize the college.

Committee on Licentiates reported, and on motion of R. D. Jones the report was received and adopted.

REPORT.

Your Committee on Licentiates beg leave to report, that three candidates have presented themselves for license, viz: Thomas Eads, John S. Lawrence, and L. C. Ragland.

In reference to the two first, after a careful examination as to their gifts and ability to teach, we are of the opinion that the interest of the cause requires that they remain in their present position; that they be regarded as candidates for the Gospel ministry; that they be encouraged to improve their gifts by reading and exercising in public, in prayer, exhortation, &c., in which they may be useful to the church and the world, and also acquire for themselves the knowledge so necessary for an ambassador of Christ.

In reference to the other, L. C. Ragland, we commend him to the Conference as a suitable person for license. Respectfully submitted.

SOL. APPLE, *Chairman.*

The Committee on Periodicals made a report, and, on motion of J. N. Manning, was received and unanimously adopted.

REPORT.

The Committee on Periodicals beg leave to report, that they are deeply impressed with the importance of a good and well conducted religious periodical. That we look to this means to place ourselves properly before the public, and to keep our principles before the world in their true light. We are happy to state that we have in the Christian Sun an able exponent of the principles of the Christian Church, bold and outspoken upon all subjects peculiar to ourselves as a religious denomination, and prompt to rebuke those who misrepresent or slander us.

We heartily approve of the course pursued by our editor, Elder W. B. Wellons, upon the Unitarian controversy, thinking that he has done good service to our cause in the exhibition of the truth. We hope the day is not far distant when our paper can be enlarged, and

be made a vehicle of more general intelligence, and thus be made more acceptable to the general reader. We would further suggest the propriety of adopting the cash system as nearly as possible. All of which is respectfully submitted. SOL. APPLE, *Chairman.*

Committee on Printing Minutes of this Conference reported. Report read, received and adopted.

REPORT.

Your committee to whom was referred the subject of printing the Minutes of the present session of Conference, beg leave to report, that after due consideration of this matter, we deem it impracticable to have a larger number of copies printed than will be paid for during the sitting of Conference by the churches, or their delegates. That we would recommend the printing aforesaid be done under the supervision of the editor of the Christian Sun; and after the execution thereof, that he have forwarded to the address of each of the several churches its proportionate number of copies, according to the amount of money paid. Respectfully submitted.

G. G. WALKER, *Chairman.*

The following resolution was presented by Elder Bragg, and adopted:

Resolved, That the ministers of this Conference be requested to give their post-office address to this body, and that the same appear on the Minutes of the said Conference.

The following resolution was presented by Elder John R. Holt, and, on motion of R. D. Jones, unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That whereas a paragraph has appeared in the North Carolina Standard, as an extract from the Evening Post of New York, calculated to make a false impression upon the public mind in regard to the Christian Church South, touching the institution of slavery, in the following words:

"The anti-slavery party in North Carolina hold the balance of power is made probable, if not evidently the late election of the opposition candidate for Governor of that State, Mr. Gilmer. The greatest number of the party unfriendly to slavery in North Carolina consist of the Quakers, who are rather numerous in some of the counties, the Wes-

leyan Methodists, and *that class of religionists who call themselves Christians, &c., &c.*"

And whereas the very talented editors of the Standard have neglected to make a suitable explanation of the matter; now, that our people may be righted against the ignorant and false correspondence of the Post before an intelligent public, this Conference therefore request the said editors to insert the following statement of facts:

The Christian Church is composed of a membership of equal wealth and intelligence with any denomination in our country, and that they are proportionally connected with the institution of slavery. The above declaration is, therefore, pronounced a foul slander and falsehood, adduced, no doubt, to injure us, undeservedly, before the public.

On motion, Conference adjourned until 7 o'clock.

SATURDAY NIGHT, 7 o'clock.

Conference met agreeable to adjournment.

Report on Periodicals was taken up, and after some remarks from the brethren, said report was unanimously adopted.

The following preamble and resolution, presented by R. D. Jones, was read and adopted.

Whereas, since the commencement of this Conference we have been most forcibly impressed with the propriety of using some plan for raising a permanent Conference fund, for the support of the worn out ministers, the orphans and widows of deceased ministers, and all other expenses of this body. We, the North Carolina and Virginia Conference, do hereby adopt the following preamble and resolution:

Resolved, That we request every church within the bounds of this Conference, do all that she can by sending to Conference, annually, at least twenty-five cents on each member belonging to each church, for the establishment of a permanent Conference fund.

Committee on Memoirs reported, and report adopted.

MEMOIR OF ELDER LITTLEJOHN UTLEY.

Commenced his ministerial labors regularly in the year 1822. He had, however, been actively engaged several years before that in zealous exhortation to his neighbors and those around him, say as early as 1815. Few men labored more successfully than Elder Utley. He enjoyed the entire cordiality and confidence of the public as a minister of Christ; his praise was in all the churches, and for above 40 years of vigilant and unabating ardor in the Lord's vineyard, he was abundantly successful in winning souls to Christ, comforting his brethren, and doing those good works which live long after the actors have passed to their rewards. The subject of this memoir became debilitated about a year before his death, but his mind was still employed in the great mission of his life; and up to his very last hours he continued to point sinners to that Saviour who had sustained and comforted him. His loudest preaching was done upon his death-bed. After an illness of several months, which he passed with Christian resignation and fortitude, he closed his earthly experience in great peace. His example still lives, and calls significantly to us all to go and do likewise. He passed to his reward in May, 1859.

MEMOIR OF ELDER MARTIN STALEY.

Bro. Staley made a profession of religion in the year 1822. Soon after that, he invited some of the Christian ministers to preach at his house, in Chatham county, N. C. The labors of the ministers were soon blessed with the conversion of several of his neighbors, and a church was regularly organized at his dwelling. This led to the establishment of a regular place of worship near him, now Pleasant Hill. The whole ministerial career of Elder Staley was characteristic of the man. He was ordained in the year 1837, and his usefulness cannot be measured by 22 years of faithful service, but will continue to his survivors, and succeeding generations yet unborn. Long, ah! long will his influence be felt in connection with benevolent institutions of his day; and next to his fatherly and affectionate Gospel ministry may be, with great propriety, mentioned his prominent stand upon the great temperance reform. Bro. Staley not only preached the Gospel, but his life was an exemplification of his teaching. A man of peace was he, his end was peace, and he has departed to meet his great reward. He died in the year 1859.

SOL. APPLE, *Chairman.*

Committee on Temperance reported, and on motion, was unanimously received and adopted.

REPORT.

We, the Committee to whom was referred the subject of Temperance, beg leave to make the following report:

Being fully aware that the use of ardent spirits as a beverage is one of the greatest evils with which our country is cursed, we regard

it as one of great hindrance to the success of the Gospel, and the greatest of all injuries to the church of Christ, in view of which we offer the following resolutions:

Resolved 1*st*, That we, as a body of Christians, disapprove of the use, manufacture and sale of ardent spirits, as a beverage, and most earnestly entreat our brethren every where to join in with us in discountenancing its manufacture, sale and use, as a beverage.

Resolved 2*d*, That the pastors and itinerant ministers be earnestly requested to deliver at least one discourse at each of their appointments on this subject, during the Conference year.

Respectfully submitted, J. McCULLOCH, *Chairman.*

Committee on Unfinished Business reported and adopted.

We, your Committee on Unfinished Business, beg leave to make the following report:

After having given the Minutes of last Conference as careful a reading as the circumstances under which we were placed would allow, we find that the Committee, of which Prof. Wm. H. Doherty was Chairman, to recommend a suitable course of study for young men, in view of their entering the Gospel ministry, have failed to make any such recommendation. We find nothing else, as we conceive, necessary to bring before this body. Respectfully submitted,

A. ISELEY, *Chairman.*

Committee on Itinerancy made the following report, which on motion was adopted.

We, your Committee on the Itinerancy, beg leave to report:

DEEP RIVER CIRCUIT.—D. T. Deanes to preach at the following churches—Shady Grove, Shiloh, N. C., Christian Union, Pleasant Ridge, Hank's Chapel, Brown's Chapel, Park's X Roads, Pleasant Grove, Acorn Ridge and New Salem.

STOKES' CIRCUIT.—B. N. Hopkins—Hines' Chapel, Salem Union Stand, Piney Ridge, Gant's Chapel, Mount Bethel, Park's Stand, Wollere's Chapel, Vests' and Zion Hill.

CAPE FEAR CIRCUIT.—James W. Wellons—Wake Chapel, Pleasant Spring, Christian Chapel, Bell's and Zion.

DAN RIVER CIRCUIT.—J. N. Manning—Union, Va., Mt. Auburn, Pleasant Grove, Va., and Midway.

MOORE AND RANDOLPH CIRCUIT.—J. N. Ferrell—Antioch, Shallow Well, Moore Union and Bethel.

ALAMANCE CIRCUIT.—A. Iseley—Union, N. C., New Providence and Pleasant Hill, Chatham.

CASWELL CIRCUIT.—A. G. Anderson—Concord, Bealer and Mount Zion.

Tar River Circuit.—P. W. Allen—Pope's Chapel, Good Hope, Oak Level, Fuller's and Liberty Hill.

Raleigh Station.—Wm. N. Bragg.

Newbern Circuit.—H. B. Hayes.

Staunton River Circuit.—L. C. Ragland and Alfred Apple—Reese's Chapel, Shiloh, Va., Sharon and Liberty Grove.

The above report is not as perfect as your Committee would wish it to be, but is the best we could devise. Respectfully submitted,

A. Moring, *Chairman.*

The following resolution was offered by bro. John N. Manning; after some discussion, was adopted.

Resolved, That a special Committee of three be appointed to co-operate with the Newbern church and the Executive Committee of the Home Missionary Society, to devise means to supply the Newbern church with preaching.

The Chair appointed the following brothers, in accordance with the above resolution, viz.: Prof. Wm. H. Doherty, Elder S. Apple, and bro. Baker Gragson.

The following resolution, presented by A. E. Ayscu, and adopted unanimously.

Resolved, That the thanks of this Conference be tendered to the President and Directors of the Raleigh & Gaston Railroad, and the N. Carolina Central Railroad, for their kindness and liberality in permitting the members of this Conference to pass over their roads for fare one way.

On motion of J. N. Manning, that the thanks of this Conference be tendered to the friends of this encampment and surrounding vicinity, for their kindness and hospitality of entertaining the delegates of this Conference.

On motion of Elder McCulloch, bro. J. N. Manning was appointed messenger to the Georgia and Alabama Conference.

On motion of R. D. Jones, Dr. E. F. Watson was re-elected Standing Secretary of this Conference.

On motion, Prof. Wm. H. Doherty was added to the list of messengers to the Eastern Virginia Conference.

On motion of Elder Holt, that the thanks of this Conference be tendered to the officers of the same, for the faithful and efficient manner in which they have discharged their several duties.

The following is a report of the Chairman on Finance of those who contributed for publishing of the Minutes and the Conference fund, viz.: Bethlehem, $1.50; Midway, 60 cents; Mount Auburn, $7.20; Apple's Chapel, $1.45; Brown's Chapel, 30 cents; Christian Chapel, 75 cents; Raleigh, $2.25; Shallow Well, $1; Oak Level, $1.25; Pope's Chapel, $8.32; O'Kelley's Chapel, $2.10; Pleasant Hill, $2; Pleasant Grove, Va., $6; Union, Va., $2; Hank's Chapel, $3; Damascus, $3.85; Lebanon, $1; Bell's $1.

On motion, Conference then adjourned to meet at Pleasant Hill, Chatham county, N. C., on Wednesday before the second Sabbath in October, 1860.

Singing and prayer by Elder John R. Holt.

E. F. Watson, *President.*
J. N. Manning, *Vice Pres't.*
P. W. Allen, *Secretary.*
R. D. Jones, *Ass't Secretary.*

APPENDIX.

The following are the Reports of the Ministers:

B. N. HOPKIN'S REPORT.

Preached 162 sermons; 11 funerals; baptized 12; received into the church 73; organized five new churches and one Sabbath school; received $163.85.

T. J. FOWLER'S REPORT.

Preached to four churches; received 40 members into the church; attended five protracted and camp-meetings; received $305.

J. R. HOLT'S REPORT.

Engaged closely to teaching until June; after that attended five protracted meetings; preached 40 times; baptized 16.

JOSEPH ALBRIGHT'S REPORT.

Had not the charge of any church; preached at several places; assisted in administering the sacrament several times; also, assisted in holding three camp-meetings and four protracted meetings.

THOMAS TRUITT'S REPORT.

Preached 11 times; several exhortations; traveled 216 miles; received $1.85.

A. S. NELSON'S REPORT.

Preached to three churches; preached 60 sermons; held 11 quarterly meetings; received four members; baptized four; married two couples.

THOMAS G. CRAVEN'S REPORT.

Had the personal charge of one church; held four quarterly meetings; preached 43 sermons; received $20.25; baptized three; received two members.

A. G. ANDERSON'S REPORT.

Preached 50 sermons; received six members; received $58.

WM. M. CRAVEN'S REPORT.

Preached to one church 35 sermons.

W. S. JORDAN'S REPORT.

Preached to one church regularly; attended some protracted meetings.

WM. N. BRAGG'S REPORT.

Preached 145 times; 75 converted on the circuit; received 63; baptized 38; funerals, 17; married one couple; traveled 2,285 miles; temperance lectures, 1; received $363.

JAMES W. WELLON'S REPORT.

Traveled 3,314 miles; preached 134 sermons; 13 funerals; baptized 45; married one couple; 61 converted; received 60 members; received $253.25.

D. T. DEANES' REPORT.

Sermons preached, 115; temperance lectures, seven; organized six Sabbath schools; traveled 1,288 miles; received $113.50.

J. N. MANNING'S REPORT.

Preached regular to four churches; held several protracted meetings; received 60 members.

L. C. MADISON'S REPORT.

Traveled 2,890 miles; preached 95 sermons; visited sick, 31; got 10 new subscribers for the Christian Sun.

J. N. FERRELL'S REPORT.

Preached to two churches regular, and two churches a portion of the time; 44 converted; received 29 members.

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B. N. Hopkins, Walnut Cove, Stokes Co., N. C.
Thomas Truitt, Company Shops, Alamance Co., N. C.
Wm. M. Craven, Brower's Mills, Randolph Co., N. C.
Lovick Lambeth, Summerfield, Guilford Co., N. C.
A. G. Anderson, Anderson's Store, Caswell Co., N. C.
D. T. Deanes, Buffalo Ford, Randolph Co., N. C.
Thomas G. Craven, Moffitt's Mills, Randolph Co., N. C.
Anderson Craven, Foust's Store, Randolph Co., N. C.
Joseph Albright, Foust's Store, Randolph Co., N. C.
A. S. Nelson, Gold Region, Moore Co., N. C.
Wm. S. Jordon, Gold Region, Moore Co., N. C.
Wm. N. Bragg, Raleigh, Wake Co., N. C.
J. McCulloch, Mud Lick, Chatham Co., N. C.
James W. Wellons, Pittsboro', Chatham Co., N. C.
Thomas J. Fowler, Mebaneville, Orange Co., N. C.
H. B. Hayes, Raleigh, Wake Co , N. C.
Prof. W. H. Doherty, Graham, Alamance Co., N. C.
J. N. Manning, Hyco, Halifax Co., Va.
John R. Holt, Grove, Chatham Co., N. C.
Solomon Apple, Graham, Alamance Co., N. C.
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Jas. I. Hobby, Barclaysville, Cumberland Co., N. C.
Chastien Allen, Asylum, Granville Co., N. C.
Robert G. Tinnin, Cedar Grove, Orange Co., N. C.
Alfred Iseley, Shallow Ford, Alamance Co., N. C.
Anthony Franks, Raleigh, Wake Co., N. C.
William Rollins, Rollins' Store, Moore Co., N. C.
Thomas E. Jeter, Whitlock, Halifax Co., Va.
Job S. Swift, not known.
Joseph B. Hinton, Raleigh, Wake Co., N. C.
Alfred Apple, Blue Wing, Granville Co., N. C.
P. W. Allen, Asylum, Granville Co., N. C.

LICENTIATES.

L. C. Madison, Pleasantville, Rockingham Co., Va.
J. N. Ferrell, Haywood, Chatham Co., N. C.
Abner Apple, not known.
A. J. Rich, not known.
D. C. Ragland, Hyco, Halifax Co., Va.

Report of the Committee on Church Letters:

Damascus—in a prosperous condition; *Midway*—prosperous condition; *Bethel*—doing well; *Wake Chapel*—a good revival; *Antioch*—prospects brightening; *Mt. Bethel*—encouraging prospects; *Mt. Auburn*—flattering prospects; *Pleasant Hill*, Chatham Co.—firm; *Christian Chapel*—quite prosperous; *Raleigh*—prospects very encouraging; *Zion*—new house recently dedicated, prospects good; *Shallow Well*—doing well; *Oak Level*—good revival; *Lebanon*—in harmony; *Bethlehem*—firm; *Christian Union*—in Christian fellowship; *Pope's Chapel*—firm; *Pleasant Grove*, Randolph Co.—prosperous; *Park's X Roads*—in harmony; *Reed's Chapel*—prosperous; *Pleasant Grove*—in good standing; *Hank's Chapel*—stands firm; *Shiloh*—in peace and fellowship; *Good Hope*—good feeling existing; *Shady Grove*—in peace and harmony; *Brown's Chapel*—good fellowship and brotherly love; *Acorn Ridge*—well united; *Shallow Ford*—steadfast; *Fuller's*—in harmony, destitute of preaching most of the time; *Union*, Va.—a glorious revival, the church much refreshed; *Pleasant Ridge*—steadfast; *Pleasant Spring*—firm; *O'Kelley's*—times dull, church steadfast; *Ulley's*—future prospects good, and a new house of worship about to be erected; *New Providence*—good revival, flattering prospects; *Union*, Alamance—firm; *Hines' Chapel*—prospects good; *Union Stand*—prospects very encouraging; *Salem Chapel*—prospects flattering.

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